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1. IF THE PORTUGSE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS REQUESTS YOUR
VIEWS ON THE ADVISABILITY OF HIS PRESSING THE PRC AMBASSADOR
ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTUGUESE-
PRC RELATIONS, YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO HIM
THAT WE ARE NOT CONVINCED BY THE ARGUMENT THAT A PRC
PRESENCE IN LISBON WOULD ACT AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNTER-
WEIGHT TO SOVIET INFLUENCE. AND WE CANNOT IGNORE THE
POSSIBILITY THAT, ONCE ESTABLISHED WITH AN OFFICIAL PRESENCE
IN PORTUGAL, THE PRC WOULD ATTEMPT TO EXERT ITS OWN
INFLUENCE UPON THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN WAY INIMICABLE
TO U.S. INTERESTS. THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SCENE IS
CONFUSED ENOUGH ALREADY WITHOUT ADDING MAOIST TUTORS TO
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2. ALTHOUGH THE PRC HAS AN OBVIOUS INTEREST IN PORTUGUESE
MACAO, AND DESPITE PORTUGAL'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO OPEN
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING, THE PRC HAS SEEMED TO BE
RELUCTANT TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT FOR THE PAST YEAR. THE
LATEST (MID-JULY) INFORMATION WE HAVE, HOWEVER, IS THAT

P OFFICIALS WERE SAYING PRIVATELY THAT THE TIME WAS NOW
RIPE FOR OPENING RELATIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE. WE
ASSUME THAT THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT RESULTED IN CONCRETE
ACTION BY THE PRC BECAUSE OF THE UNSETTLED POLITICAL

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR,
PLEASE EMPHASIZE TO HIM THAT THE FOREGOING VIEWS ARE
BEING PROVIDED TO HIM IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. WE ESPECIALLY
DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THEM REPEATED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO
CREATE THE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. IS ACTIVELY
DISCOURAGING PRC DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS IN WESTERN EUROPE. KISSINGER

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